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[redacted] 1. Residents stated that the remaining troops stationed in the Flak Kaserne on Geusaerstrasse, Merseburg (N 52/D 91), left the post by rail on 23 April 1952. 25X1 The installation appeared to be vacant on 26 April. (1)

[redacted] 2. On 25 April, the Luftnachrichtenkaserne in Halle (N 52/D 92) was occupied by about 4,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Numerous tanks [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] trucks [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] and about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded at the Halle freight station on the same day. They moved to the Luftnachrichtenkaserne. 25X1 [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] 3. During the period from 19 to 28 April, the Tauentzion Kaserne on Berlinerstrasse, Wittenberg (N 52/D 37), was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1 [redacted] 25X1

25X1 4. During the period from 19 to 28 April, the Roseler Kaserne on Torgauerweg was occupied by a small rear detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] were noticed. (3)

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[redacted] 5. During the period from 19 to 27 April, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Danzigerstrasse, Leipzig (N 52/D 21) was only lightly occupied by units wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets, and air force insignia. [redacted]

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6. During the period from 19 to 27 April 1952, the Kreitschke Kaserne on Ulrichstrasse was occupied by only 30 to 100 guard and labor details who mostly wore red-bordered black epaulets.

7. During the period from 20 to 27 April 1952, the military hospital on Lansigerstrasse was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, entered by trucks . The hospital is believed to have a capacity of about 1,300 troops.

8. During the period from 19 to 27 April 1952, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Wahren was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

9. In mid-April, a German employed at the barracks installation in Poissen-Laschendorf, 2 km east of Poissen (N 52/T 00), stated that after the departure of the previous unit, the installation was occupied by soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, without heavy weapons who arrived during the early morning hours on 17 April.

10. In mid-April, a German woman employed with a unit in Poissen stated that the artillery unit stationed in the Laschendorf Kaserne moved to the Leithain (N 52/E 81) troop training grounds on 14 April. A tank unit previously stationed in Lautzen (N 52/A 60) or Kamenz (N 52/A 41) reoccupied the installation in Laschendorf on 14 April. (?)

11. In mid-April 1952, German employees at the Heavy Labor in Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) stated that the units permanently stationed there moved to bases north of Koenigsbrueck on 17 and 18 April. (?)

Comments.

(1) the elements of the 38th (?) Army Brig of the XXIX Gds Rifle Corps carried in the Flak Kaserne in Wahren started moving on 12 April 1952. Records of the Orbit transport control headquarters indicated that eight trains went from Wahren to the Kindel troop training grounds on 19 and 20 April.

(2) The present report supports the impression that the 21st Gds Mech Div had not moved to the troop training grounds prior to late April, except for individual tank companies which went to Lotzlin Heath for short term firing practices.

(3) A total of 150 tanks of the 6th Gds Tank Div were seen moving to Lerder-Laschendorf prior to 18 April. The present and other reports indicate that most of these tanks came from the Tessler Kaserne. Further information is needed to determine which units remained in the Tauentzien Kaserne in addition to the headquarters. Series of the MVD, of army troops of the Third Gds Mech Army and of the air force were noticed in addition to motor vehicles trunkers of the division. It is of interest that in the present report, a large number of troops, whereas he previously reported only 200 on 15 April.

(4) This information confirms a corresponding report by another source.

(5) The MVD unit stationed in the Kreitschke Kaserne apparently was not at the installation during the period of observation. The motor vehicles mentioned belong to the 9th Gds Mech Div, the air force and the MVD.

(6) On 19 April, only a rear detachment was in the Flak Kaserne. According to this other source, components of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the 38th Gds Rifle Corps which is stationed there, moved to the Kindel training area on 19 and 20 April. It is undetermined whether units were still stationed in the installation in late April, and if units are present, what their identity is.

(7) The elements of the 9th Tank Div stationed in Poissen moved to Leithain. Another source reported that the 44th Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div with 35 tanks had arrived at Koenigsbrueck on 12 and 14 April. The situation in Kamenz is not clear.

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(8) The bulk of the 4th Gds AA Div is stationed in the Neues Lager. Components of the
25X1 division have been in Rustrow since 14 March. [redacted] This limited transfer of major AA units cannot be accounted for, but training exercises may have been held.

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